The meeting of the Council of the Town of Altavista was held in the Council Chambers of the J.R. Burgess Municipal Building, 510 Seventh Street on November 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Mayor Mattox called the meeting to order and presided.
- 2. Rev. Kelsey Brown, Altavista Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

Mayor Mattox stated Rev. Brown is moving from the Town of Altavista and advised she would be missed.

Mr. Ferguson added Rev. Brown has been an asset to the church and the community.

Council members

present: Mayor Michael Mattox

Mrs. Beverley Dalton Mr. Charles Edwards Mr. Tracy Emerson Mr. Bill Ferguson Mr. Timothy George Mr. Jay Higginbotham

Also present: Mr. J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Town Manager

Mr. Daniel Witt, Assistant Town Manager Mrs. Tobie Shelton, Finance Director

Interim Chief Ken Walsh, Police Department Mr. John Tomlin, Director of Public Works Mr. Steve Bond, Wastewater Treatment Director Mrs. Megan Lucas, Economic Dev. Director

Mr. John Eller, Town Attorney Mrs. Mary Hall, Administration

3. Mayor Mattox asked if there were any questions regarding the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. George, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried:

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VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

4. Public Comment

Mayor Mattox asked if anyone would like to speak on anything not listed on the agenda.

Mr. William Anderson, representative for Central Baptist Church, came forward. Mr. Anderson stated many of the members of Central Baptist Church are aging including himself. He asked Council to consider a handicap curb cut on the church's side of the street. He felt this would be helpful for the businesses as well as the church members.

Mr. Coggsdale advised previously staff addressed Council with the issue of curb cuts on Seventh Street due to the ongoing construction. The original plan adopted by Council was a crosswalk at the corner of Town Hall that would go straight across to the sidewalk on the other side of Seventh Street. Later a curb cut was approved only

on the east side of Seventh Street. The Virginia Department of Transportation reviewed this and advised a single cross cut could not be installed.

Mr. Higginbotham suggested installing the curb cut once the VDOT project is complete. Having two joints installed would make it easier to install after the completion of the project.

Mr. Coggsdale noted the businesses that were contacted were in agreement with the cross cut. He asked Council if this one is to be installed with another cross cut up the street.

Mayor Mattox suggested keeping what is in place.

Mr. Coggsdale asked if they were proposing doing this cross cut outside of the current project.

Mr. Edwards advised of another consideration for the needed cross cut pertaining to funerals at the church and the casket having to be lifted over the curb.

It was consensus of Council to move in the direction of the cross cut.

Mayor Mattox asked if anyone else would like to address Council. No one came forward.

5. Special Items or Recognitions

a) Financial Audit (FY2013)

Mr. David Foley, Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates addressed Council in regards to the recent audit. Mr. Foley, Audit Manager for the recent audit went over the recent audit with Council. An unqualified opinion statement was issued on the town's financial statement. It was felt that the town was in good strong financial standing. Mr. Foley noted there were very few audit adjustments in preparing the audit. He covered some of the highlights of the Town's financial report.

b) Avoca

i) Introduction of Michael Hudson, New Executive Director

Mr. Hudson was not in attendance.

6. Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes-Special Meeting October 8, 2013; Regular Meeting October 8, 2013 & Continued Meeting of October 10, 2013
- b) Receive monthly review of Invoices
- c) Receive monthly review of Revenue & Expenditures
- d) Receive monthly review of Reserve Balance/Investment Report
- e) Appointment to Altavista Economic Development Authority
- f) Departmental Monthly Reports
 - Administration
 - Business License
 - Community Development
 - Economic Development
 - Police Department
 - Public Works Department
 - Transit System
 - Wastewater Department
 - Water Department

A motion was made by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Dalton, to approve the items as listed on the consent agenda.

Motion carried:

VOTE: Mr. Michael Mattox Yes
Mrs. Beverley Dalton Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards Yes
Mr. Tracy Emerson Yes
Mr. Bill Ferguson Yes
Mr. Timothy George Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham Yes

- 7. Public Hearings
- 8. Standing Committee/Commission/Board Reports
 - a) Council Committees
 - i. Finance/Human Resources Committee

Armory Reuse

Mrs. Dalton advised the Town sought proposals for reuse/redevelopment of the Armory facility. The only proposal submitted was by the local Masonic Lodge – Campbell Lodge 316 AF&AM detailing their desire to assume the Armory, renovate the facility for their meeting place and provide space for community events and other non-profits. After several months a revised, more detailed, proposal was submitted by the Lodge, at the Committee's request, for review. At this time, the Committee supports the concept detailed by the local Masonic Lodge for the renovation of the facility. Several issues raised by the committee were: 1) desire to have facility that maintained a well kept appearance; 2) a mechanism for the Masonic Lodge to opt out of the agreement should the development not be conducive; and 3) criteria regarding use/subdivision of the property. The Committee recommended the Town Manager and the Town Attorney work with the Masonic Lodge to draft an agreement for Council's consideration.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. George, to authorize the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to work with the Masonic Lodge to draft an agreement for Council's consideration.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Abstained
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Abstained
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Abstained
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Budget Amendment

Mrs. Dalton reported the Altavista Economic Development Authority (AEDA) proposed funding in the amount of \$35,000 to assist in the Town's Economic Development program, specifically for website design/marketing. Presented to Council was the budget amendment that accepts the money from the AEDA and directs it to the Economic Development's budget. The Committee recommends approval of the budget amendment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. George, to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$35,000 accepting the funds from the AEDA for Economic Development purposes.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Mrs. Dalton advised staff presented the FY2015 Budget Calendar for the Committee's consideration. The Committee recommends that the Budget Calendar be approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the FY 2015 Budget Calendar.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Banners Program

Mrs. Dalton advised earlier this year the Altavista Area Chamber of Commerce announced that it would like to contribute \$5,000 to the purchase of new street banners for the Town. The Economic Development Office and Altavista On Track staff researched banners and has forwarded a proposal to the Finance Committee. The banner program, as presented, would have a set of "Town" banners that would stay up year round and three sets of "seasonal" banners that would be rotated on a four month basis. Three companies have been consulted for these services and Mosca was the selected vendor. The proposed total cost for the banner program is \$19,624.15, with the Chamber contributing \$5,000 of that cost. The Committee discussed and feels that at this time \$5,000 from the Town would be appropriate to match the Chambers funds. The Committee has asked staff to look into potential partners for the additional \$10,000, which could be potentially split with the Town.

Mr. Coggsdale asked if another partner came forward would the Town consider a match as well.

Mrs. Dalton suggested this be brought back to the Finance Committee for review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to approve the banner concept.

Mayor Mattox asked Mr. Coggsdale to elaborate on this matter, would he hold off on ordering. He mentioned the cost savings associated.

Mr. Coggsdale stated there is a cost savings. Three of the banners are seasonal and if you buy one, you are hoping to purchase the other two.

The question is would Council want to order the year round banner and one seasonal not knowing if the other ones will be ordered.

Mrs. Dalton suggested if other partners could not be located, to purchase a town wide banner and modify the numbers. She noted this item is not in the budget and asked if it could swing between two calendar years.

Motion carried:

VOTE: Mr. Michael Mattox Yes
Mrs. Beverley Dalton Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards Yes
Mr. Tracy Emerson Yes
Mr. Bill Ferguson Yes
Mr. Timothy George Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham Yes

Mrs. Dalton noted other items that were discussed but not requiring a motion includes: Health Care Benefits for Retirees, VRS Hybrid Retirement Plan and Disability Plan, and the Water Improvement Project Funding.

ii. Police/Legislative Committee

No report.

iii. Public Works/Utility Committee

Dearing Ford Road Water Tank Acquisition

Mr. Ferguson advised at last month's meeting, the Committee forwarded to Council a recommendation to correspond with Campbell County about the Town's willingness to assume ownership of the water tank under certain conditions. Following the discussion, staff was directed to explore the costs of repainting the tank and reported that a tank maintenance company has indicated that the maintenance would be in the \$100,000 range and would suffice for a ten (10) year period. The Committee continues to recommend that the Town Manager correspond with Campbell County in regard to the Town's interest in assuming ownership under the condition that the County provide the Town the cost of reworking the valve connection (\$16,000) and the demolition (\$40,000), which would be saved by the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. George to authorize the Town Manager to correspond with Campbell County in regard to conveyance of the Dearing Ford Water Tank to the Town from the County with \$56,000 appropriated to Town from the County.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Recreation Committee "English Park" Recommendations

Mr. Ferguson advised at the last Council meeting, several recommendations brought forth by the Town's Recreation Committee were forwarded to the Public Works/Utility Committee for consideration. The Recreation Committee recommendations are: 1) Removal of the softball/baseball field on the eastern end of the park, with reseeding of the dirt area; and 2) Removal of one of the two sand volleyball courts with reseeding of the area. The Public Works/Utility Committee considered the Recreation Committee's recommendations and recommends approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. George for the removal of the softball/baseball field and one sand volleyball court reseeding both areas, as outlined in the Recreation Committee's recommendation.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Bedford Avenue Waterline Project Update

Mr. Ferguson referred to a memorandum from the Town Manager and advised the Committee was updated on the on-going design of the project. As pointed out in the email, the issue of how to "cross" the river parallel to Pittsylvania Avenue has become an issue in staff's discussions with VDOT. At this time, the Town's engineer is proposing that "directional drilling" be utilized to go under the river which would add an estimated \$400,000 to the project. The estimated construction cost for this project has increased from an estimated \$3,000,000, of which \$400,000 is for the aforementioned directional drilling. Staff will continue to work with the engineer to see if there are some other viable options for the river crossing that may be considered.

Mr. Edwards asked if there was consideration of hanging the pipe under the bridge.

Mr. Higginbotham asked about an open cut.

Mr. Coggsdale advised hanging of the pipe on the bridge has discussed with VDOT and they are not going to allow new holes to be drilled and what is there is not functional and may not handle the new pipe.

Mr. Edwards asked if the size of the line there was adequate.

Mr. Tomlin replied no. They are proposing to upgrade to a 16" pipe. He stated the design of the bridge where the current hangars are at, VDOT will not allow the Town to drill into that area; they can go into the support columns underneath. Because of the span there would have to be a small truss bridge just to carry the pipe which would catch any debris coming down the river.

Mr. Higginbotham suggested an open cut which would be capped in concrete.

Mr. Coggsdale advised he has some options that he is taking back to the engineers and would like to have the contract awarded by May 2014.

WWTP Emergency Overflow Pond (PCB Issue)

Mr. Ferguson advised the Committee discussed several items in regard to the PCB issue and offers the following:

• The Committee recommends an agreement with Dominion Virginia Power be signed. The agreement would give the Town a resource for "excess fill material" for the pond when deemed necessary by Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Edwards to authorize the Town Manager to execute said agreement.

Motion carried:

VOTE: Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Timothy George	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

 The Committee recommends that an "Informational Session" be scheduled to brief Council on the advancement and on-going efforts related to remediation activities at the pond.

Mrs. Dalton suggested having some data back before scheduling the meeting.

Mayor Mattox suggested a meeting goal for the end of January subject to receiving the necessary information.

Mr. Edwards suggested Mr. Coggsdale contact the various mediators for them to prepare a presentation for late January or early February.

 The Committee also discussed the potential need for some type of platform/barge for future use in the pond to facilitate sampling/remediation efforts. Also, staff will look into the availability of "testing kits" for the sludge in the pond for gridding purposes.

Mr. Higginbotham asked if funds would be allocated for this.

Mr. Ferguson advised the funds are already allocated.

Mr. Higginbotham questioned the testing kits.

Mr. Ferguson advised he spoke to Dr. Licht at a meeting held earlier in the day regarding the kits and Dr. Licht did not feel there was a rush for these and this could be decided upon after the January meeting.

Mr. Higginbotham noted there is an issue with water running in the lagoon and felt berming down the south side could stop the water.

Mr. Ferguson stated that was discussed as well at the earlier meeting. Dr. Licht and Mr. Bond did not feel this needed to be done at this time. They could not identify where excess water was coming in at.

Mr. Bond felt the location where water was coming in was taken care of by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Higginbotham advised he spoke with Dr. Licht and he suggested the water should be stopped from coming in on the plant side. He noted there was red clay dirt on the side of Route 29 that is being given away and with the Town having trucks passing in that area two or three times a week, suggested the Town stockpile this dirt along the lagoon to help with diverting the water.

Mayor Mattox called for staff's opinion.

Mr. Tomlin advised he watched one of the doctor's use some measuring gauges in the pond and with an inch of rain, it went up an inch on the gauge; which led them to believe an inch of water fell from the sky and there was no run off.

Mr. Higginbotham agreed but stated two inches of rain would produce run off. He stated heavy rains would produce run off.

A motion was made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to stock pile red clay dirt at the lagoon area.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

 Mr. Ferguson advised Dr. Lou Licht was in town on Monday, November 11th and Tuesday, November 12th, to conduct sampling. While in Town he conducted a "briefing" with the Public Works/Utility Committee on Tuesday, November 12th at 1:00 p.m. at the Train Station.

Other Items/Updates

Mr. Ferguson reported the following:

Brush/Leaves/Special Collections policy (Multi-family): Staff discussed a recent conversation with a property owner regarding the town's policy for special pick-ups for multi-family dwellings. Staff informed the Committee that during the "leaf pick up season" we do pick up leaves placed at the street, in addition, we pick up brush (not trimmed by a contractor). The Town's policy in regard to "special pickup for household items (i.e. sofas, appliances, etc.) is only provided to single family residences/not for profit entities.

<u>Sidewalk replacement consideration</u>: Several years ago, staff looked at the sidewalks on Broad Street between 9th and 11th Streets and due to other pending projects those improvements were not prioritized. Issues regarding trees on the south side of the street

were discussed.

<u>Clarion Road/Lynch Mill Road Intersection</u>: Concerns regarding sight distance and the potential for traffic accidents at this intersection was discussed by the Committee. Staff will consult with VDOT in regard to obtaining information to see if any additional traffic safety mechanisms can/should be installed at this intersection.

B) Others

i) Planning Commission Request

Mr. Witt advised at the Planning Commission's last meeting, they continued to discuss the Downtown Revitalization Overlay District (DRO) and the Main Street Corridor design guidelines. The guidelines were in the original DRO and were removed and in the Commission's work plan for 2013. Town Council asked the Planning Commission to reconsider this. He mentioned there has been one public forum which was attended by several business owners. The Planning Commission has received a proposal from the Region 2000 Local Government Council for Consulting Services related to the Amendment of the Town's Downtown Revitalization Overlay (DRO) Ordinance. The cost is anticipated to be \$2,015, for which funds in the Planning Commission's budget have been identified.

It was the consensus of Council for the Planning Commission to move forward with discussions on the Downtown Revitalization Overlay District DRO) and the Main Street Corridor design.

9. New Business

A) Draft Transit Development Plan (TDP) for Altavista Community Transit System (ACTS)

Mr. Witt advised the Draft Transit Development Plan (TDP) developed for the Altavista Community Transit System (ACTS) is similar to the Town's Comprehensive Plan was mailed to Council. The creation of this document is a requirement of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) and used for future funding and must be updated every six years.

Mr. Witt requested Council schedule a work session, so the KFH Group (project consultants) can come in and give a brief overview of the plan and answer any questions that Council may have in regard to the document. Staff would like to seek adoption of the document at the December Council meeting. A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m.

B) AT & T Easement Request

Mr. Coggsdale advised the Town Attorney has been working with AT&T in regard to an easement at the Town's Melinda Water Tank site. Last week, AT&T requested that they be allowed to install a conduit parallel to the fence around the tank compound "at risk". After posting a \$2,000 security deposit, the Town allowed the conduit to be installed at the risk of AT&T realizing that if the easement is not approved it will have to be removed. At this time, the Town Attorney is working with AT&T in regard to the easement documents.

Mr. Eller advised AT&T has been talking about installing the fiber optic cable for six months; he advised them he would need an actual survey of what they want which was received. AT&T requested to be allowed to install the cable and stated they would remove if not approved by Council.

Staff is requesting that Town Council authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate and execute an easement agreement with AT&T at the Melinda Drive Tank site.

Mr. Higginbotham suggested that the easement agreement include if it conflicts with something the Town is doing, that it will be relocated at no cost to the Town.

Mr. Eller asked if Council wanted to specify the cost of the easement for five years at \$2,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Higginbotham, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to authorize the Town Manager and Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate and execute an easement agreement with AT&T at the Melinda Drive Tank site for a five year term and at a cost of \$2,000 with the provision that if it conflicts with the Town's use of the property, that it be relocated at no expense to the Town.

Motion carried:

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes
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10. Unfinished Business

11. Manager's Report

a) Project Updates

VDOT Enhancement Project and Downtown Utility Replacement Project and Pittsylvania Avenue Intersection Project

Main Street/Pittsylvania Avenue Intersection issues have been addressed and intersection was reopened Friday (11/8/13) Streetscape work (sidewalk) continues on Main Street and Campbell Avenue and should begin on street in the next week. Contract calls for Substantial Completion on January 6, 2014 and Final Completion on February 5, 2014.

Bedford Avenue Waterline Replacement Project

Surveying work is underway in the project area. Meeting held with VDOT regarding bridge and other issues. Engineer is designing the project.

b) Other Items as Necessary

c) Informational Items

Correspondence from VDOT regarding receipt of the Town's Transportation Alternatives Program application.

Notice of VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Program Meeting

Correspondence from VML regarding their new "Virginia Investment Pool"

Correspondence from Campbell County Public Library System (2012-2013 Annual Report)

Mr. Coggsdale advised Mr. John Tomlin, Public Works Director, will be retiring February 1, 2014.

Mayor Mattox thanked Mr. Tomlin for his service to the Town.

12. Matters from Town Council

13. Closed Session

I move that the Altavista Town Council convene in closed session in accordance with the provisions set out in the *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended,

Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) regarding discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment to the Economical Development Authority

Section 2.2-3711 (A)(5) regarding discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton and seconded by Mr. George.

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Motion	carried:
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VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Council went into closed session at 8:12 p.m.

Notice was given that council was back in regular session 8:40 p.m.

FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to adopt the certification of a closed meeting.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

WHEREAS, the town council has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the town council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the town council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the town council.

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Motion	carried

VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes

Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
Mr. Timothy George	Yes
Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

A motion was made by Mrs. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, to appoint Mr. Keith Harkens to the Altavista Economic Development to finish out the unexpired term of Mr. Bill Smith. Mr. Harkens term will expire November, 2014.

Motion ca	rried:
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VOTE:	Mr. Michael Mattox	Yes
	Mrs. Beverley Dalton	Yes
	Mr. Charles Edwards	Yes
	Mr. Tracy Emerson	Yes
	Mr. Bill Ferguson	Yes
	Mr. Timothy George	Yes
	Mr. Jay Higginbotham	Yes

Mayor Mattox asked if there was anything else to bring before Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

	Michael E. Mattox, Mayor
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J. Waverly Coggsdale, III, Clerk	